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ACTION INR-00

INFO LOG-00 NP-00 AF-00 A-00 ACQ-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00  
DS-00 EUR-00 UTED-00 VC-00 TEDE-00 LAB-01 VCE-00  
NSAE-00 TEST-00 USIE-00 IIP-00 DSCC-00 DRL-02 NFAT-00  
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FM AMEMBASSY HARARE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0138  
INFO NSC WASHDC  
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA  
AMEMBASSY WINDHOEK  
AMEMBASSY GABORONE  
AMEMBASSY LILONGWE  
AMEMBASSY LONDON

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AF/PD FOR COX, ROBERTSON, AF/S FOR KRAFT, AF/P, INR/R/MR,  
NSC FOR JENDAYI FRAZER

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SUBJECT: MEDIA REPORT COMMONWEALTH MINISTER'S VISIT TO  
ZIMBABWE; HARARE

[1](#)1. THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY "ZIMBABWE INDEPENDENT"  
DEDICATED ITS OCTOBER 25 EDITORIAL TO THE VISIT TO ZIMBABWE  
THIS WEEK BY A TEAM FROM THE COMMONWEALTH. UNDER HEADLINE  
"OPEN LETTER TO COMMONWEALTH MINISTERS," THE PAPER  
COMMENTS:

[1](#)2. "DURING YOUR FLEETING VISIT TO ZIMBABWE THERE WILL  
HAVE BEEN A CONCERTED ATTEMPT IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES TO PULL  
THE WOOL OVER YOUR EYES. YOU WILL HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE  
ZIMBABWE GOVERNMENT IS PROCEEDING TO ACQUIRE LAND IN A  
LEGAL WAY, 'AS IT ALWAYS HAS DONE.' YOU WILL BE TOLD THAT  
THERE IS FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND THAT ELECTIONS ARE  
CONDUCTED ALONG LINES THAT PRODUCE A FREE AND FAIR POLL.  
IF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL BELIEVE  
ANYTHING. . . WE HOPE YOU WILL PROVE TO BE FRIENDS OF  
ZIMBABWE. . .AND SPELL OUT WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE."

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